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In re Application of)
David P. Vellante et al.)
Serial No. 09/845,539)
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For: Method and System for Assessing)
and Quantifying the Business Value of)
an Information Technology IT Application)
or Set of Applications)

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2. That he is a resident of Still River Massachusetts;
3. That he is an inventor named in the above-identified application for United States patent,
4. That he is president of the assignee of the above-identified application for United States patent, ITcentrix, a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 1661 Worcester Road, Suite 403, Framingham, MA 01701;
5. That he has been advised that a document entitled "Introduction to Selling the Value of Compaq SAN Solutions" (the Document) is being provided to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in conjunction with an Information Disclosure Statement;
6. That a copy of the Document is annexed hereto as Exhibit A;
7. That the Document represented at Exhibit A was prepared by himself and the staff of ITcentrix, was intended to be utilized as a teaching aid in conjunction with two one-day training sessions for Compaq Corporation concerning certain proprietary and confidential methodologies of ITcentrix, Inc.;
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9. That two one-day training sessions for a restricted number of selected senior storage specialist participants of the Compaq organization were held in October, 1999;
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David P. Vellante